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CLAIMS: *The following is a listing of all claims in the application with their status and the text of all active claims.*

1.—103. (CANCELLED)

104. (NEW) A tall shopping cart, comprising:

- A. a plurality of merchandise containers, and
- B. a tall dual-rail spine divided into upper and lower segments, each segment containing parallel left and right rails, said segments connected by a locking hinge, to enable folding for compact stowage after removal of containers, and
- C. a plurality of ledges affixed to the cart, each ledge positioned upon the cart to sandwich a container between a ledge and a lock, the lower of said ledges affixed to the cart at a substantial predetermined height, and
- D. a plurality of quick-attach and quick-detach locks, each lock a slidably mounted block bridging the distance across the spine's dual rails, enclosing each rail, and sliding along those rails, each block fitted with a projection positioned to sandwich a container wall between said projection and said tall spine, enabling a small woman to easily lock loaded baskets by sliding the lock straight down the cart's dual spine, and releasing equally easily by sliding the lock back up, and
- E. a plurality of wheels, each attached to the tall spine by a leg,

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whereby shoppers can enjoy conveniences beyond those of the usual retailer-supplied shopping carts, including improved maneuverability, improved accessibility to bar-code guns at checkout, sliding and levering containers of newly-purchased items from cart to car trunk, and returning containers to cart at home for transit to kitchen or other destinations.

105. (NEW) The shopping cart of claim 104 wherein the cart is selected from the group consisting of carts using frame materials of light-metal alloy tubing and polyethylene and polypropylene and vinyl and nylon and impregnated fibrous materials and laminated fibrous materials.

106. (NEW) The cart of claim 104 wherein said merchandise containers are selected from the group consisting of perforated plastic baskets, solid plastic tubs, wire baskets, hinged-end baskets, circular trays, and baskets with a deep walled slot set into a wall.

107. (NEW) The cart of claim 104 further including wheels selected from the group consisting of wheels mounted upon quick-release hub connectors and wheels mounted upon folding struts and large wheels.

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108. (NEW) A tall cart for accumulating, transporting, and processing burdens during transport, comprising

- A. a tall dual-spine frame provided with wheels, and
- B. a plurality of means for quick-connect and quick-release retention of burdens upon the cart, and
- C. a plurality of means of support beneath each burden, to assist in levering the burden aboard the cart, to cooperate with a retention means to secure that burden to the cart, and to continue support after release of the retention means by assisting in levering and sliding of burden during removal of burden from cart, and
- D. the lower of said means of support affixed to the cart at a substantial predetermined height, and
- E. a means of substantially reducing the height of said tall frame for compact stowage after removal of burdens,

whereby the user may load and unload the cart without ever lifting the entire weight of a burden, by using the support means as guides and fulcrums for levering burdens upward and downward, to and from their positions on the cart.

109. (NEW) The cart of Claim 108 wherein the cart is selected from the group using frame materials of light-metal alloy tubing and polyethylene and polypropylene and vinyl and nylon and impregnated and laminated fibrous materials.

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110. (NEW) The cart of claim 108 wherein said burdens are selected from the group consisting of perforated plastic baskets, solid plastic tubs, wire baskets, hinged-end baskets, circular trays, and baskets with a deep walled slot set into a wall.

111. (NEW) The cart of claim 108 further including wheels selected from the group consisting of wheels mounted upon quick-release hub connectors and wheels mounted upon folding struts and large wheels.

112. (NEW) A tall shopping cart, comprising:

- A. a plurality of merchandise containers, and
- B. a telescoping frame on said tall shopping cart, to enable compact stowage of cart after removal of containers, and
- C. a plurality of pairs of quick-release pin mounts disposed upon said telescoping frame, each pair supporting a merchandise container, one mount centered near the upper edge of each end of each container so as to support each container in a rotational manner, so that the container rotates to maintain a level condition, its bottom parallel to the ground, despite tilting of said telescoping frame, thereby maintaining best access to each container, and
- D. a plurality of telescoping frame locks disposed upon said telescoping frame.

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113. (NEW) The shopping cart of claim 112 wherein the cart is selected from the group consisting of carts using frame materials of light-metal alloy tubing and polyethylene and polypropylene and vinyl and nylon and impregnated and laminated fibrous materials.

114. (NEW) The cart of claim 112 wherein said merchandise containers are selected from the group consisting of perforated plastic baskets, solid plastic tubs, wire baskets, hinged-end baskets, circular trays, and baskets with a deep walled slot set into a wall.

115. (NEW) The cart of claim 112 further including attachments selected from the group consisting of wheels mounted upon quick-release hub connectors and large wheels and wheels mounted upon folding struts.